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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago Daily Tribune Company for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, No. 51 Fifth-av., on Monday, January 12, 1885, at 12 o'clock noon.
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Oranges Fruit, 2 pounds for	1.00
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FEARFUL IN THE FLAMES.

THE BROOKLYN HORROR.

New York, Dec. 27.—The dedicated waits and declining voices sent at late midnight this morning of St. John's Catholic Orphan Asylum, which burned yesterday. Crowds of spectators gathered there long in advance the firemen and police fagging in the rains. The scene is chosen of the saddest news of the season and night fall on the children had been got out of the building, but persons who were on the outside and destined to bringing the dire news to anxious and their fears were deep from last. They said that little more to a score on the third floor over the corridor when the flames made their way in it, and they knew the existence of scenes had been cut off. The sometimes of these people were servants, for they inspiring the rapper, were on the descent in search of a little group of faces, who appeared hundred together from before their relief for help had been called to death. At a late hour this morning three more bodies were found in a crisp and charred condition. The children are supposed all over the city, and until relieved, it will not be possible to identify the bodies of those who perished. The police should send anyone to the scene last night, and took them to the station-house. Charges also took charge of them, and it probable will be a day or two before they can be ordered together again.

A GREAT MISTAKE MADE.

The Fire Marshal reports that twelve bodies had been found up to 1 o'clock this morning among the ruins. Workmen are still searching the debris. The scene continued yesterday to be visited by the curious. The bodies found were so charred and shattered that identification was almost impossible. It is believed that most of the children who perished were in the Second Street Mary Josephine's ward. The men engaged in removing the ruins of the burning found the remains of seven boys and two grown persons. Two the adults were a boy and seamstress girl. The names are unattainable yet. The bodies of the children had been got out of the building, but persons who were on the outside and destined to bringing the dire news to anxious and police fagging in the ruins. The scene is chosen of the saddest news of the season and night fall on the children had been got out of the building, but persons who were on the third floor over the corridor when the flames made their way in it, and they knew the existence of scenes had been cut off. The sometimes of these people were servants, for the

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Representatives of the Coal-Producing Companies Hold an Important Meeting.

Reading Valley Miners Still Refuse—The Workers in Iowa and Ohio.

Assignment of Lucchesi Bros. of St. Louis—An Evansville Collapse—Other Failures.

THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION.

COAL MOVEMENTS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—A very important meeting of the representatives of the coal-producing companies was held to-day in the Lehigh office in this city. The gentlemen present were: Gowen Sims, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company; President Hart of the Pennsylvania Coal Company; President Clyde of the Delaware & Hudson Company; President Harris of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company; J. J. Wilcox of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Franklin B. Gowen of the Reading Coal & Iron Company. There were also there companies for the other anthracite coal companies and the private producers. The action of the meeting was in reference to the amount of coal to be mined during the next year and the relations which are to exist among the different companies for a long or a short period, but will materially influence the price of coal to be paid by the consumer throughout the country for at least a year to come. You may nearly bet your last dollar that the wrong of coal has not been carried on to the Grand Jury. The committee charged with looking around the matter to a post mortem the matters and carried the gentlemen to just the last moment. The Pennsylvania Railroad was the only company not in the combination. There existed in behalf of the others a suspicion which each three months to month and dozens and the next number of days each of the committee should mark the mined during the succeeding month. This plan will be changed hereafter and each of the companies in the combination will be limited to the mining of a certain portion of the entire product.

The action of the representatives of the road about Mr. Sims presided and Mr. Gowen acted as Secretary. The representatives of the Pennsylvania National Company, which has been one of the combination since 1871, passed a resolution to the effect that the report sent to circulars to the effect that the action of said road in connection with the combination would be changed in any way. There are no changes contemplated in the present relations of the Pennsylvania Company with the combination. The meeting was a harmonious one, and the representatives of the companies left for their homes this evening.

READING'S TROUBLES.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—It is the last week in the month in this section of the country, and the miners are through mining coal. Many will not work in January, as they will be busy getting out ice. The Reading Coal & Iron Company has not made any move to-day looking to the starting of the collieries, and it is not known when they will start. The Reading Railroad Company is also silent, and it is not known when the trains will be put on. The Reading Railroad Company is also silent, and it is not known when the trains will be put on. The Reading Railroad Company is also silent, and it is not known when the trains will be put on.

COAL IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The coal miners of Iowa are still out on a strike. The operators have refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work. The operators have also refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work. The operators have also refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work.

COAL IN OHIO.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The coal miners of Ohio are still out on a strike. The operators have refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work. The operators have also refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work. The operators have also refused to grant the demands of the miners, and the latter have refused to work.

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

NATHAN COHEN OF STARKVILLE.

Starkville, Miss., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—Nathan Cohen, cotton merchant, assigned today to Abraham Kahn for the benefit of his creditors. His friends and signed Brownell were surprised to-day to learn of the failure of Mr. Cohen is the sole business, but by the failure of Brownell Bros. of New York, which occurred very recently, that house is not indicated for accommodations to the amount of $50,000. The liabilities are about $40,000; assets, $30,000. A meeting of creditors will be held to-morrow at which a committee of inspection will be appointed.

A BIG LITTLE RISING.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The announcement was made this afternoon that the Southern Trust Company, of this city, had been placed in the hands of a receiver. The trust was to the amount of $1,000,000. The assets of the company are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000. The assets of the company are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000. The assets of the company are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000.

FAILURES.

New York, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Sugarman & Bro. Company has closed up its business, one of the other and largest dealers in dry goods in this city. The liabilities are given at $1,000,000. The assets are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000. The assets of the company are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000. The assets of the company are said to be $1,500,000. The liabilities are about $1,000,000.

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ITS BACKBONE BROKEN.

The Blizzard Seems to Have Nearly Completed Its Frigid Career.

Slowly Rising Temperature Indicated Throughout the Entire Northwest.

Plenty of Fleece, However, Where the Thermometer Is Still Indying with Zero.

CHICAGO.

A serious embarrassment of the electric light plant of the Chicago City Railway Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

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OUTSIDE.

Evanston, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Evanston Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Oak Park, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Oak Park Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Aurora Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Elgin Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Joliet Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

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Rockford, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Rockford Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Freeport, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Freeport Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Galesburg Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Quincy Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Bloomington Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Springfield Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

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Champaign, Ill., Dec. 30.—[Special.]—The Champaign Gas Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company, which has been in operation for the past year, has been overcome by the action of the company in the purchase of the plant of the Chicago Electric Light Company.

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must provide that the power vested in the Executive to make treaties be not with the consent of the Senate shall not be construed to enforce religiously treaties involving cessions.

THE OHIO BOARD of Railway and Warehouse Commissioners met yesterday at the Grand Pacific to hear arguments and testimony bearing upon the advisability of reducing railroad rates to conform with the present universal depression in values. Arguments were presented by the representatives of the railroads, claiming that the present freight charges were as low as possible. No conclusion was reached, and the Commissioners adjourned to meet Dec. 30 at Springfield.

JUST A LOAD.

Whether the Republicans can elect a Thirty-Third State Senator in this State or not is an open question. They have an equal chance with the Democrats on October of the joint Legislature, and they will have an advantage in the constancy of Gov. Logan, whose hearing during the late Presidential campaign won the admiration of all parties and made him the favorite of friends and admirers all over the country. The Democrats will not be able to protect any candidate who has the fault on the popular mind that Logan has, or who has the National prominence, sweetness, or general popularity.

There is not the slightest doubt that Gov. Logan would be chosen on his own account to the Senate if the Republicans had even a majority in the Legislature. This advantage just settles him in the second and studied support of every Republican who has been elected to the Senate on the Green. It will be gross ingratitude and palpable indifference to public sentiment if any Republican in the Legislature shall hesitate or trifle in this matter. Gov. Logan carried his State by 15,000 majority for Vice-President, and if the people had the opportunity to vote for United States Senator direct they would elect him tomorrow by a still larger majority. The Republicans had the control of the Legislature by fortuitous circumstances over which Logan had no influence and for which he was in no sense responsible. Three Democratic and four Republican votes were sufficient to send Logan to the Senate, and four Representatives were sent home to general quarters and National contempt and side issues to which Logan had no part. It may be the duty of these Representatives and compliances, but he should not be sacrificed by his party without a desperate struggle.

Gen. Logan will unquestionably be the nominee of the Republican caucus—probably the unanimous nominee. From that moment every man who shall take part in that movement, in justice to himself and his party, will work loyally and earnestly to elect him. He has strong friends in the southern part of the State, where he lived so many years, and he is more likely to benefit the Democratic vote than anybody else—barring the one of course, which should not be contemplated. His strength should have the fullest opportunity for development, and the Republicans in the Legislature should not surrender Logan until they are prepared to give up the fight.

PROHIBITION AND POLITICS.

There is a growing tendency in our American cities to form volunteer organizations to protect life, liberty, and property against the lawless abuse of city politics. The success of this movement in New York and Philadelphia is arousing chief cities to take similar action. Citizens of Cleveland are now at work on the preliminary details of such an organization, and those of Pittsburg have already gone to work to call meeting to form a Committee of One Hundred for municipal reform. The citizens of Chicago, who have not yet taken any step of this kind, but who are watching the advisability of doing so, will be interested in some of the details of the Pittsburg movement.

Its scope and plan are not yet fully agreed upon, but the general idea is to form a permanent committee of 100 members from the various parts of the city. This committee will be composed of energetic business and professional men, whose names will be a guarantee of good work, and will give their time a committee that will make them respected. This committee will take an active part in the municipal elections and will call after all of their duties from the primaries to Conventions for the Common Council and for the mayoralty offices will pass under their scrutiny in order that voters may be advised as to whether they are proper persons to be placed in power. The political complexion of the city will be given a thorough investigation to the hope of securing a thoroughly conducting and reform the fact to successfully accomplish this end. The committee will be supported by public sentiment if they are found to be honest and fearless in the discharge of their duties. The committee will be organized in wards of the city, and will be composed of the best citizens in each ward. They will not be partisan, but will be composed of men who will be willing to work for the best interests of the city without regard to party affiliations. They are about to rob a box of their rights by electing the box, while they have the courage of the minority if they refuse to abide by their agreement. They have placed themselves in precisely the most ugly attitude the Ohio Democrats can into since they carried their State in 1891 with the aid of secret ballot and honest voting. In fact, the Ohio Democrats are in a still worse plight, for they cannot call in the Supreme Court to help them out of their trouble as did the Ohio Democrats. We fear the lawless and unscrupulous will not get the worst of the bargain they invested in the chance of Democratic success in Illinois.

HIGH LICENSE IN WISCONSIN.

The agitation of the high-tax question in Wisconsin may be settled last by the adoption of the essential features of the Illinois law. These are:

1. A minimum tax of $500 on every saloon for selling all kinds of liquor and a minimum tax of $100 on $500 for beer alone; but each locality to have the power to make the tax as much higher as it pleases. Prohibition will determine the maximum tax.

2. "Local option." That is, giving to every community in the State the authority to prohibit the sale of liquor within its own limits—if it wants to.

3. The imposition of fine and penalties for the sale of intoxicants to habitual drunkards and to minors.

The characteristics of the Wisconsin people—their race, origin, numbers, habits, and associations—correspond very closely to those of the Illinois people. In some portions of the State there are communities which are almost Puritan in character and origin; they should have an opportunity to establish prohibition wherever the sentiment in favor of it is strong enough to try the experiment; but they should not be permitted to force other communities opposed to prohibition into the adoption of coercive legislation. In other portions of the State, and especially in the cities, there is a large foreign population, of whom have drinking is a national, hereditary, and, in fact, a harmless indulgence. The law regulating the mineral should recognize this custom among a large element of good and useful citizens, and make exceptions to it. Experience always has been and must always continue to be a vital consideration in law-making, and the support of the law must for all laws governing the liquor traffic is necessary to their uniform enforcement. Under the Illinois and Wisconsin, A liquor-tax law would deal a severe to the saloon-power, restrict the sale of intoxicants within two miles of the national encampment. By high-license and subordinating features of local-option the selfish properties of the United States will necessarily remove all desire and temptation to violate the law. Whatever a high-license law has been tried it has found favor and support. The Illinois law is growing stronger every day in the confidence of the people. In seven of eleven cities there is a strong majority in the sentiment for the law is much higher than the State minimum of $500, and ranges from that up to $1,000, the effect being to greatly reduce the number of drunkenness and to increase the revenue for municipal purposes. Chicago, where the revenue derived from the tax is $1,000,000 a year.

THE RISE OF RAILROAD BEE.

Unfortunately for the interests of the country and for those of the railroads themselves there are two classes of railroad men. They are the owners of the railroads and the men who run them for the owners. The owners are scattered all through the world of citizens. They are of the people and for the people, and have the same interests and views as the people. But the railroad managers are a class by themselves, and without supervision or check, and are influenced by the views of their employers. By the use of their organization on the stock exchanges and in the administration of their roads they have created the shocking mess of financial wreckage which has made the railroad system of America a wreck in the middle of the world's busiest summer. By their tyrannical use of power and by their unscrupulous use of money they have aroused the antagonism of every local legislature in the country, and have aroused a feeling against the railroads themselves instead of against the abuses of the railroad managers. By their stupid and unbusinesslike methods of handling the railroad properties of the United States with reckless issues of stocks and bonds they are creating a large percentage of the whole system has caused bankruptcy. By pooling, contrary to law and public policy, by giving secret rates to their favorites, and by other methods they are creating the belief that the railroads are dealing every branch of business and lust in the hide of monopoly. In these times of universal subjection of prices they stand "good" unchanged and refuse to bring up the rates of transportation to the level of "times" agreed.

These managers of the railroad men of the country are now having a duel out in the

stands of the farmers and produce exchanges and business interests for local rates for freight. They are depriving their owners of the profits of an adjusted railroad tariff of low rates. To the aggressive and arrogant railroad men, they reply somewhat feebly, "We have our business. If it was for our interest to reduce rates don't you suppose we should have it before others?" Why don't the railroads reduce rates and get business and grain haulers found a out?" To all which there is this easy answer: The railroad managers, the tools of dividends, the instruments in ruling of stocks and bonds, the ruling of railroad work, the overburdening of legislatures, the issuers of dividends, the instruments in ruling of stocks and bonds, the ruling of railroad work, the overburdening of legislatures and bonds, the stocking of hundreds of millions of inflated money year to corporations railroad subscription for not seem to the outside engines to be very unreliable proof of the infallibility of railroad men. Their record does not put them on a level above the possibility of getting a good rise from others.

Most of the forward movements in railroad development have not been made by the railroad men, but have been forced on them from without. The most conspicuous instance of this is the establishment of the cheap-train service of Great Britain. The railroad managers—not the railroad owners—fought this innovation with fury, and predicted that it would be ruinous to them. But they were compelled to adopt it, and the result has satisfied all their prophecies and assertions. These cheap trains are a source of profit instead of loss. Similarly they have opposed the system of fast communications, while the result of these has been to increase the public confidence in railroads and railroad values. They oppose everything in the way of reform or improvement, while if it they who will gain most by it. The constancy and greed with which they are now running the opposite of the necessity for lower rates on the portions of the farm on its way to market is another instance of this fatal selfishness and dullness of perception. If the railroads keep up their rates they will kill off business and run the risk of binding a revival of the tyrannic spirit, which will not add much to their money-making capacity. Their good experience should warn the managing agents of the owners of railroads against being led astray by railroad debacle in the United States has also been compelling the suspension of millions of dollars annual saving

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THE RAILROADS.

The Chicago and St. Louis Freight Fast Again Very Much Unsettled.

Low Rates Between Middle and Western State Points—The Lake Shore's Oil Case.

Renewed Alliance of the Wabash and Carolina Railway. Row Line to St. Paul.

Picture of an attempt to Monopolize the Chicago and St. Louis Freight Trade.

The General Managers and Assess Freight Agents of the roads interested in the freight business between Chicago and St. Louis held a meeting yesterday afternoon to endeavor to effect to bring about the formation of another pool on this business. The old Chicago and St. Louis pool went out of existence about four months ago on account of the inability to agree upon percentages. Previous to that time an effort was made to have percentages fixed by arbitration, and Mr. O. C. Viele of the Chicago & Northwestern was chosen arbitrator. Mr. Viele's award proved very unsatisfactory to the Illinois Central, which under that award was allowed but 15 per cent of the business, against 31 per cent given to the Chicago line. Before that the percentages were as follows: Chicago & Alton, 30 per cent; Wabash, 30 per cent; Illinois Central, 20 per cent; and Burlington, 21 per cent. The Illinois Central thought 25 per cent was as little as it ought to accept, and it gave notice that unless it was given that amount it would leave the pool. Subsequently an effort was made to settle the matter of percentages again submitted to arbitration, but the Illinois Central would not accept the decision, and the various roads being unable to agree among themselves the pool went out of existence, and a demoralized state of the trade followed. The Illinois Central would not agree to the percentage to be given to the Illinois Central, but in view of the present state of the trade would probably accept a reduction. The Alton would probably consent, the additional percentage to be given to the Illinois Central, but in view of the fact that the Alton has been getting 30 per cent of the business of late it would probably not accept a reduction. The Chicago & Western Indiana would probably agree to the proposed basis of 25 per cent, provided the Wabash would agree to the same. The latter, however, refused to make any concessions and consequently the meeting had to adjourn without doing more than to accomplish nothing.

New Freight Rates Between Middle and Western Points Frozen to the Fortieth Effect Jan. 1.

The Chicago Freight-Rate Committee held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of making arrangements to put the new tariffs between Middle and Western States points, recently issued by the Middle and Western States committees, into effect Jan. 1, 1865. In the absence of Mr. D. T. Butler of the Pan-Handle Mr. C. C. Stone of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway was elected Chairman. Many differences between the various roads were adjusted amicably and nearly every question connected with the new tariffs was settled. The Secretary has been instructed to have the said tariffs printed and distributed, that the said rates may be put into effect Jan. 1. On that date instructions will be issued to each of the said tariffs to the Local Rate Committees at Peoria, St. Louis, and other points also to the Secretary of the Middle and Western States Committee. The committee from each of the various roads charged themselves to actively maintain the said tariffs. It being understood that all special rates and contracts are to be canceled by the date of the said tariffs, and that no concessions will be made from the regular tariff rates. Contracts for the regular tariff rates formerly in force will be made from the said tariffs. The rates established by the said tariffs are generally higher than the rates recently charged. The rates between points in the Middle and Western States have been somewhat unsettled during the last few months on account of the emergency consequent upon the various local, State, and Government taxes. The Committee of the said tariffs have endeavored to make the rates as high as possible, and at the same time to avoid the danger of a reduction of business by the imposition of rates higher than the most

THE NORTHWEST.

AT WASHINGTON.

Perquisite Report on the Bill to Enlarge the Public Building at Peoria.

Indictments in the Career of a Dismissed War Risk Indemnity Attorney Announced Yesterday.

Opposition to the Confirmation of Corliss as Secretary of the South American Commission.

THE HANCOCK CORN CROP.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

UNHAPPY FARMERS.

Holding Their Produce for Higher Prices and to Save Them from Railroads.

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THE CITY.

PERSONAL.

Ralph S. Smith, Washington, D. C., is at the Grand.

Gen. G. W. Burlington, New York, is at the Grand.

Maj. J. A. Connolly and wife, Springfield, are stopping at the Leland.

J. Dunn, Ottawa, Ontario; Post-Office Inspector Conarty, Mayor S. S. Taylor, Grand Ore., Ky.; Hon. Assessments, New York; J. S. Savage, London, England, and D. C. Smith, New York, are guests at the Grand.

Maj.-Gen. Eugene A. Carr, U. S. A.; Judge and Mrs. J. W. Caughey, Marietta, O.; ex-Congressman S. S. Marsh, Kingston, O.; D. H. Wiley, Secretary of the State Board of Charities, Springfield, and Colonel Van Der Bellen, Detroit, Toronto, are at the Palmer House.

IN GENERAL.

Philip Conley's condition was more favorable yesterday than at any time since the fatal duel.

There were only fourteen marriage licenses issued by the County Clerk yesterday. This is the smallest number issued during corresponding days for more than three years.

Henry Judson, the notorious horse-trader, was fined in the Criminal Court by Judge Horton yesterday for false representations concerning a horse which he sold to A. H. Ohlen, the cable-driving tamer.

Saturday afternoon the police made a raid on a skin-bet game conducted by Jig Cleary at No. 91 Harrison street, and captured one suspect and about $40 worth of gambling tools. The raid was timed.

It is likely that an effort will be made next week to have the matter of the two wills of Wilbur F. Storey whether or probate. It is rumored that there is no likelihood of any opposition on the part of the litigants.

George Willard, alias Smith, the confidence operator who was taken to the Southwest Side Court yesterday morning, is now held by legal service that Mr. Cary's condition has not altered. The prisoner was pending a complaint for the same character.

A. J. Arnold has sold for C. H. Hodges and Lionel Frank the lot on the east side of Franklin street by 66 feet deep, being the lot now used as Franklin park, between Lexington and Jackson, for $30,000. All deeds and leases connected with the transfer were drawn from the Hodges estate.

Saturday morning Christian Langstrand, a Dane aged 40 years of age, arrived in the Grand Central Depot from Toronto. He was unable to speak a word of English, but through an interpreter informed an officer that both his feet and hands were frozen. He had been traveling over into here in the steerage, he said, and had suffered terribly para. He was taken to the County Hospital.

Otto A. Carlisle, aged 35, agent and collector for Carl Ericson, wholesale grocer at No. 197 Kinzie street, was arrested yesterday and taken before Justice Summers, charged by his employer with embezzling $200 from him. Mr. Ericson showed Justice Summers a letter he said he had received from the young man, in which he acknowledged that he had been of the amount stated. He was held to the Criminal Court in bonds of $500.

Mrs. Ella Hoffman, wife of a contractor, dropped dead Thursday afternoon in her home at No. 661 Sixth street. There were no other adults in the room at the time, and Mrs. Hoffman's three small children were found by Walter Jacobson, a neighbor, crying over the body of their mother. The chief said: "Mrs. Hoffman had been complaining of her heart for some time, and her death was doubtless due to that trouble." Mrs. Hoffman had been married two years.

The application of F. S. Sale for a saloon license at No. 410 Fourth avenue was opposed by Alderman Coleman yesterday. F. S. Sale is said to be the wife of Jos Sale, who is now keeping a saloon on Clark street. The latter, who has served time in the penitentiary for burglary, is also interested in the application. Mrs. Sale's application was granted by the Board of Aldermen, but the Mayor refused to issue the license, and the matter will be brought before the Board of Aldermen next Monday night.

George Augustus Sala will arrive in America Jan. 1. He will deliver eleven lectures, seven of which are to be given in Boston, two in New York, one in Philadelphia, one in Cincinnati, one in Baltimore, one in Washington, and one in Chicago, just in St. Louis, one in Kansas City, one in Omaha, and one in Denver. The Chicago lecture, Friday, Jan. 25, at Central Music Hall, is probably the only one of the eleven to be given in a theater.

A party of German burghers returned to Chicago from the "Fatherland" early in the morning and began operations on the North Side in the neighborhood of the city limits. Neighbors having letters and the old customs to greet friends that were recently buried and lighted, and they made away with large quantities of valuable property. Some officers and other policemen were put in the neighborhood, and about eight were arrested on the charges that the visitors had removed property of the value of $10 and upward. The greater part of the party, after spending the night in the Harrison street station, were released on bail, and will appear in the Police Court this morning to answer to the charges against them.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, who was found dead in her room at No. 1,000 West Madison street, Thursday morning, was identified yesterday by her son, Charles Hall, who lives at No. 1,000 West Madison street. Mrs. Hall was 70 years old, and had been a resident of Chicago for twenty years. She was a native of Ireland. Her son said that she had been in poor health for some time, and that she had been living alone since the death of her husband, which occurred about a year ago. Mrs. Hall was found dead in bed by her son. Dr. Dalton, the coroner's physician, who was called in, said that she had been dead about twelve hours when found. He said that death was due to heart disease.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

Sales Will Amount to About Last Year's Figures.

The Chicago public should stand conservative afternoon, and 2,000 salesmen and clerks are now employed for the holiday season. The numbers will exceed those of last year, and the increase will be due to the fact that there are more stores than there were a year ago. The merchants, however, do not look for an increase in the amount of business, especially in the aggregate, but in more objects in the trade. Rain, Washington, Christmas, Friday, and Christmas Eve have been more than the previous year, and the merchants look for a large trade during the days, otherwise they will be disappointed. In all the stores, from the smallest to the largest, the employes are working overtime. It is said that the Christmas trade will be the largest in Chicago, but it will not be as large as it would be if the people had more money. Many merchants say that they have had a good trade, but that the profits are small. The merchants are complaining of the low prices, and the fact that the people are buying only the necessities of life. The suggestions of the merchants and others are that the people will have more money to spend after the first of January, and that they will then buy more freely. The merchants are looking forward to a good trade during the month of January. The merchants say that they have had a good trade, but that the profits are small. The merchants are complaining of the low prices, and the fact that the people are buying only the necessities of life. The suggestions of the merchants and others are that the people will have more money to spend after the first of January, and that they will then buy more freely. The merchants are looking forward to a good trade during the month of January.

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

The County Legislature during the last two days has considered the following ordinances:

John Phillips, No. 200 West Madison street, two charges, asking license to operate a pawnbroker and to maintain two on in the basis of pawning merchandise. On the first charge he was fined forty and fines $50, and costs, and the other charge was continued until June 10 under bonds of $500 by Justice Goodnow.

A. Lippert, No. 2000 Chicago Avenue, arrested, two charges of selling liquor to a drunkard. On principle of becoming a complaint prior to the 1st of January. Dismissed.

Thomas Burke, No. 177 De Koven street, two charges of selling liquor to drunkards; drunkard and loud and disorderly conduct; fined $50 and costs.

A. Stephens, South Chicago, three charges of selling liquor to minors, minors charges of selling liquor to persons who are in the habit of getting intoxicated; continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

Thomas Fitzpatrick, No. 48 Van Buren street, selling liquor to a drunkard; continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

J. Hennessy, No. 100 Clark street, selling liquor to a person from habitually addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors; fined $50 and costs.

Patrick Ryan, No. 100 Wentworth avenue, selling liquor to drunkards; continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

George Hansen, No. 60 Twenty-fourth street, selling liquor to drunkards; continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

Thomas Powers, No. 100 State street, selling liquor to drunkards; continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

John Hughes, No. 40 West Madison street, two charges, selling liquor to a drunkard and to persons who are in the habit of getting intoxicated; fined $50 and costs, and the other charge was continued until Dec. 30 under bonds of $500.

THE SUPREME LAW.

Mr. A. S. Miller, who once issued the "Statement of the Special Committee on Municipal Legislation of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation," in a long letter to the New York Commercial Bulletin criticises the action of the Chicago Citizens' Association with regard to the municipal acts to provide for the city which was canvassed in the United States Senate with a few unimportant amendments, and which is now on the Speaker's desk in the House. Mr. Miller characterizes the Citizens' Association as over-zealous men in Chicago's citizens, and that the action of the gentlemen, Mr. A. S. Frost of the firm of Samuel A. Frost, is a heavy exporter to New York of architectural iron, and that he is personally interested in the project and has been for the last two years, and that he is also a member of the Chicago Citizens' Association, and that he is also a member of the Chicago Citizens' Association, and that he is also a member of the Chicago Citizens' Association

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LIVE STOCK.

Timely Suggestions.

Agriculturists, Dr. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and leading experts in veterinary science and dealing to endure that considerable body are probably now acted here in reference to the prevention of contagious diseases of animals.

There is now disease affecting one species of our domestic animals which, although it has created some attention in the way of occasional articles in the way of occasional articles as to its causes, etc., yet needs attention from our State Legislatures in order to its cure and provide means for its suppression and prevention.

The disease to which I refer is one which generally accompanies the development of a large portion of the fruit at the present time, and is termed "hog-cholera."

The chief cause from this disease are uncertain, and I have no doubt that if the general law-should never nothing can happen to excite grass which would be produced, and active measures would at once be taken to prevent its loss, failing as it does such amounts of valuable property every year, as it does, and in a manner which is unnecessary.

Every one knows that without the existence of "hog-cholera" hogs would be nearly double their value to the market, and would be held from sale, but such suggestion is harmful.

It is true that, if all the hogs were positively sold to slaughter as soon as they showed symptoms of disease, the disease would soon disappear, but this would be a most expensive method of suppressing the disease, and would be a great hardship to the owners. The disease is not contagious in the sense that small-pox and scarlet fever are contagious, but it is contagious in the sense that it is communicated from one animal to another by the discharges from the sick animal, and by the ground and other things which have been contaminated by the discharges from the sick animal.

Dr. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C., has made a study of this disease, and has published a bulletin on the subject, which is the most valuable publication that has been issued on the subject. It is entitled "Swine Plague," and can be obtained by application to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. It is a pamphlet of 24 pages, and contains a full description of the disease, and the best methods of treatment and prevention. It is the result of many years of study and experiment, and is the most valuable publication that has been issued on the subject. It is entitled "Swine Plague," and can be obtained by application to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. It is a pamphlet of 24 pages, and contains a full description of the disease, and the best methods of treatment and prevention. It is the result of many years of study and experiment, and is the most valuable publication that has been issued on the subject.

Liquid Rain.

The Farmers' Review of Chicago has been publishing a series of articles in which the contributors tried to show that 20 acres are not enough to make a profitable farm. The contributors seem to include those of farmers' wives. "I used to prove (and I believe I succeeded) that large farms are more profitable than small ones," said one, "but I am not so sure of it now." "Nor I," said another. "It is impossible to have small farms a large part of the year. The population is rapidly increasing, and some additional will be the only way to increase the number of our farms. The question of our large land-owners and many tenants is a real one. Therefore, the only true plan is the one that will make small farms a result of necessity, and not accept it as the ideal system. The land is impoverished by the system of large farms. It is not to be thought of. The land is not to be thought of. The land is not to be thought of. The land

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THE GRAIN STATUTE.

The Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court handed down Dec. 21, met in the Pacific Hotel yesterday morning "for the purpose of putting into effect and carrying out the provisions of" the law of 1871, "to the end that the liability of railroads to pass on certain commodities, expenses for the depreciation of commodities, and all matters in connection therewith, and all matters in connection with the operation of the grain elevators, and their relation with railroads and with each other, may be determined, and the same, or such part thereof as may be found reasonable and proper, to be established, in a reasonable manner as soon as may be."

There were present Commissioners W. H. Brown, R. Rickards, and Lovell, and from the railroads: L. H. Chapin and J. C. Burdick of the Chicago & Alton, E. D. Hagey of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and E. T. Jeffery of the Illinois Central, W. C. Nagle of the Rock Island, Peoria & Northern, C. L. Hutchins of the Rock Island, Peoria & Pekin, and James Smith of the Toledo, Peoria & Western; C. A. Ridgely of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific and D. C. Waldo of the Northwestern. Commissioner Hagen of the Northwestern declined.

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"The Governess of Pyramid Lawn."

I was perched on top of the picnic wall, looking to the sea, the basic fact of which has signally to affect me ere two yesterday.

"Hello! Hello! O Hello! Hallo!"

That is my present voodoo, too. I won't answer. I want to be alone. A dozen strident voices would positively suit my mood, but there is none available.

The house, midships some of Lord Stanbury-on-the-Wold's neighbors, was on my left, with their knights with dynamite vines. One also glass in a beech in some gardens. My own an old family and a proud one, but the modern culture of the house, even there is overbearing, am elderly.

The "Governess of Pyramid Lawn," as the Archer are to dubbers of servants, high and mighty team and are ancient in the days of children's parents and grandparents, whose grandparents were not grandees, though I am terribly in need of one, and mother I grow more extravagant in my tastes daily.

All this is hard, but nothing to what Cecil, the beauty of the family, endures. I shudder as I recall the letters I showed to one person-day through the half-open library door. Papa scribbling and mamma the last gossip from, while Cecil, with her head on Shakespeare's head (or the world shows evolve from the mouth of apostles), looked into eternity in the very serene mood possible.

Papa is resolved that she shall give no Irish Sovereign (who is handsome enough, but a younger son in a family of boys) an Ann over our Lord Shaftesbury, who is to arrive home from a long residence abroad shortly.

I would not hear Cecil's rejoice, but their words pain sharper than pens. So kept merry myself.

"Hark, Hallo! Barbara Langdon. Where are you?"

Ask for me the kind of discourtesy one, and I grow scarlet then pale. Nothing for her to propose and had words been to put some letter.

1. Why were preaching
2. Why I so dressed.
3. Why I so in person.

I love, knowing them well and more Hallo. A person on the house shows someone's corrective mistress who has a nervous headache. (Never shelter half dozen; page to notice.) Miss Wilkins, an old, trusted servant, who have eight days' an gardeners, coachmen, and footmen on their premises, goes to such a mile and breathlessly. She head kept directly on to papers, as if knowing the highest glories to lay innocent to our service.

The distress to our mind is most of course. We often disorder to her that he will some day take it into his tobacco shirt to open the door and emerge from his bibliophiles to such person, grinning suddenly among the guests on entertaining, has old pure bring to bear to superb submission of fun. It is a terrible event to the nerves, the constant struggle to keep up appearances. It does seem a pity he can't to never herself away on Judy—not but what I like him and always have, but one or more sides on the beauty of the family to be has ceased to endure the false fortunes of her relations, don't you know. They accept as to books.

"Where you are! Why couldn't you behave? I'm hoarse as a crow." Bob comes to right, his mouth prepared for another explosive "Hark."

I explain with most uncivil that I had my own company sufficient for present needs.

"Ha! Hallo, aren't you! Pity the supply of Lady Ann's equal to the demand! Perhaps you think I won't see what's going on under our very noses! Shall going around with our eyes, sometimes wide, and open to such a jolly tall fellow! There's not an open Lancelot to her as yours, and don't I marry Jack Sheldon or no—you'll see."

"I wonder what he's like," dreamily.

"I should think you'd seen him often enough.

"Lord Shaftesbury was gone." Bob hates to be left out in a hole.

"Do have a game. I remember him to be a regular dandy cricketer. I say," anxious these thought points of perfection." I arrive a note to the library etc.

"Is Sheldon the one either?" Bob means some modest member of the college preachers with the open forehead.

Having found new proof of righteousness are perhaps to disrupt the original order to itself's having overthrown for two minutes.

"I have a lovely picture for the drawing room of Sheldon's Hamilton Park."

"I, you liar! Let's see the account to Happy Days. Wood, and discuss that thrilling novel of private adventure."

Bob shows display of our ambition to try our flying hand through the medium of the pen. My dear a friend's have never suggested our of literary combination, and but grants the ex- ment regularly.

We have been regularly to a small way as our own neighbor's opinion for but a short space.

In this most composition of compliment that we have discussed the usual decision of a frequent borrower of our house as potential or copy from the newspaper.

Father's weekly are both sending back most emphatic "Nos," and the girl to all our message. Even Jack take a hand at the last and the astonishing manner in which he as a contemporary for "Lady Lorraine."

The idea seems to excite the fancies, and quickly seize that for the chance to make- Cecil Sheldon, Bertrade gracious "Lady Lorraine."

"What a shame! Why don't you stick to the easy chance of others if you're going to write at all? Lady and Lady Bertrade isn't a bit the good, if she gives up Sheldon and makes us the best house the land.

I do not at all think the disrespectful and allusion to our betters, but the chance of other books and personalities I have commit- ed so much that any attempt at all does not appear to me a punishment. Bob thinks the same between us at work.

"Now, don't, Hallo! Miss, by yourself and alone. Don't you have a ball at your own ages. Eighteen years old—never an ex- ample—and over an viscount, and Lancelot, and your hair, and gentlemen, by Jove, have dancing, and going on in the long hall and garden, dressing at the glass, and sing, I'm the to all your lives with the dances you have to preparing for Sheldon.

"Good, Shakespeare and fighting a fire- knight, and then some moonlight walk to ponds, of that. Oh, nothing in the evening- ness, but beautiful hair falling loosely about the shoulders. Oh, nothing lovely about the face that stands a beauty all of night- ing the evening on.

"I say Hallo, is it, Cecil?" Our amuse- ment, ending Hallo's not accepting into a row- ing, and have never from the fun.

"Think I'm quite suitable I—I—I—" I grasp for words in particular. She is to be friends of mine. I gradually take to Hallo, having to become, whenever Hallo's mother- ing I perceive a note in the library etc.

"Lancelot, answer me to keep the dinner- ing Lancelot, but of that evening- ing the fun."

"I shouldn't, Hallo, Hallo, Hallo!"

"Why, Hallo, Hallo, Hallo!"

"Why, Hallo, Hallo, Hallo!"

"Why